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- CO) THAT PORTION OF AREA A IN WHICH NO CLEAR PRIORITY CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY SINGLE LAND USE AND IN WHICH NORMAL PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO GOVERN LAND USE

WHEN THIS REPORT IS COMPLETED THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCILS CONCERNED AS WELL AS THE HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS ASSOCIATIONS AND AT THAT TIME I WILL DECIDE ON THE PRECISE AREAS TO BE PROTECTED AND THE FORM OF THAT PROTECTION

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